

persons available for jobs. These workers are 70% female and range from experienced to inexperienced but trainable individuals as indicated by the table. In addition, high school graduates are entering the labor force at the rate of 500 per year (the 1967 figure, excluding those who continued their education or did not seek employment).

It should be noted that the recruitable workers mentioned include some who are employed but for some reason have contacted an Employment Security Office concerning work (i.e., part time workers seeking full time work, those holding jobs that they feel is below their potential, those seeking work nearer home, or those desiring a change for numerous other reasons). Also included are housewives, for example, who are not actually "unemployed" in the sense of being between jobs, but are interested in entering the labor market provided they can find work that is convenient to them. These and other similar factors, including the fact that employment is rather competitive within the 15-mile radius of Maiden, further emphasize Maiden's need to provide additional housing and other items that will add to its attractiveness as a good place to live and work.

RETAIL TRADE

The retail trade is an important factor to the economy of a town. When its local retail trade flourishes, the income from many workers is injected into the community and touches many other aspects of the area. When retail trade is considerably limited in the local area, the citizens travel to larger, more pleasant shopping facilities in neighboring towns, thus draining much of the money for goods and services away from town and